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Decision on bridge could take a year

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SEATTLE -- A preferred option for a new **Magnolia Bridge** may not be selected until next year, the project's manager said yesterday.

Kirk T. Jones of the Seattle Department of Transportation said that completing a full environmental impact statement on the four options under consideration will add time to the project schedule.

The options include bridges to serve Port of Seattle property that could be redeveloped. No alternative stands out as best so far, Jones said.

As the study proceeds, costs will be developed as right-of-way and environmental requirements are determined. A draft EIS will be complete in the fall. Jones said a preferred alternative may not be selected until after that review and comment period.